THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c). The Purulia Pump Storage Scheme (4x225 MW) was cleared by the Planning Commission for investment approval on 9.2.1994. An agreement has been signed with OECF of Japan for funding of the project. Infrastructure works of the project are in progress and the units are planned for commissioning from 2002-2003 AD.

Corruption Charges

811. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of IAS, IPS and other Allied Cadres officers facing corruption charges of some kind or the other till date; and

(b) the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b). The Ministry of Home Affairs is the Cadre Controlling Authority for the IPS officers. The officers belonging to the Central Services are controlled by the various cadre controlling Authorities of the Government of India. This information is not centrally maintained in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions is the Cadre Controlling Authority in respect of the Indian Administrative Service and the Central Secretariat Service (Grade I and above). With regard to the officers of the Indian Administrative Service, the power to deal with the cases of corruption against a Member of the Services rests with the respective State Governments in connection with whose affairs the Member of the Service is serving for the time being. Thus, the Central Government as well as the State Governments, as the case may be, are competent to take action against an Officer belonging to an All India Service. Information in respect of State Governments is not centrally maintained or monitored. In so far as the Officers of the Indian Administrative Service working in the Central Government are concerned, there are six officers who are facing departmental inquiry as on date. Nine IAS officers and one CSS officer are facing trial under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

Housing Technology

812. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have initiated a series of steps to make available low cost and appropriate housing technology to all parts of the country through massive expansion of the national network of building centres;

(b) if so, whether the Government have set up 500 rural building centres and 75 mobile building centres in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with their locations; and

(d) whether these have started functioning and if so, the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir. The national network of building centres launched by the Government in the year 1988 is a grassroot level technology transfer mechanism in the field of housing and building development for dissemination of information on cost effective and appropriate housing technologies in urban and rural areas. As on date, 447 building centres have been sanctioned all over the country, out of which 239 centres have become functional.

(b) to (d). Keeping in view the housing construction needs in rural areas, the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) has drawn up a plan for setting up rural building centres with Central Government financial assistance. The plan envisages construction of 500 such centres spread over 340 taluks/Tehsils and 75 mobile building centres to be taken up during 1996-2000.

[Translation]

Quantum of Foreign Investment

813. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of foreign investment and collaboration available at present in the food processing sector, production-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of foreign investment, country-wise and

(c) the likely impact of this investment/collaboration on the development of food processing industry and employment generation in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a). Since liberalisation in the year 1991 to March 1996, details of foreign investment approved sector-wise is given in Statement-I and State-wise in Statement-II, as per available information.

(b) Country-wise details of foreign investment approved in the food processing sector since

liberalisation till March 1996 is in Statement - III as per available information.

(c) The foreign investment in the food processing sector in expected to help in optimum utilisation of agricultural produce, value addition, generation of employment, expansion of market and increase of exports.

STATEMENT - I

Sectorwise details of Foreign Investment Approved from July 1991 to 31st March, 1996.

(Amount in Rs. Crores)

S.No.	Sector	Foreign Investment
1.	Grain milling and grain based	320
2.	Fruits and vegetable products.	583
3.	Meat and Poultry.	292
4.	Deep Sea Fishing fish processing and aquaculture.	540
5.	Fermentation industry.	287
6.	Consumer industry including soft drinks water/confectionery etc.	1054
7.	Milk and Milk products.	299
8.	Others including food additives, flavours etc.	111
	Total	3416

STATEMENT - II

Statewise details of Foreign Investment Approved during the period from July to 31st March, 1996.

(Rs. in Crores)

S.No.	Name of the State	Foreign Investment
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	183
2.	Assam	1
3.	Bihar	1
4.	Gujarat	99
5.	Haryana	80
6.	Himachal Pradesh	92
7.	Jammu and Kashmir	-
8.	Karnataka	46
9.	Kerala	27
10.	Madhya Pradesh	26
11	Maharashtra	498
12.	Manipur	-
13.	Meghalaya	-
14.	Nagaland	-
15.	Orissa	1
16.	Punjab	228
17.	Rajasthan	23
18	Tamil Nadu	452
19.	Tripura	1
20.	Uttar Pradesh	361
21.	West Bengal	23
22.	Sikkim	-
23.	Andaman Nikobar	1
24.	Arunachal Pradesh	-
25.	Chandigarh	1
26.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	-
27.	Delhi	-
28.	Daman and Diu	-
29.	L M and A Island	-
30.	Mizoram	-
31.	Pondicherry	-
32.	Goa	27
33.	Location not specified/units in more than one location.	1245
	Total	3416

STATEMENT - III

Countrywise Details of Foreign Investment Approved from July 1991 to 31st March, 1996.

(Rs. in Crores)

S.No.	Country Name	Foreign Investment
1	2	3
1.	Australia	12
2.	Austria	16
3.	Belgium	75
4.	Canada	165
5.	France	32
6.	Germany	70
7.	Ireland	36
8.	Italy	346
9.	Japan	15
10.	Korea (South)	14
11.	Mauritius	19
12.	Mexico	89
13.	Netherland	126
14.	Singapore	45

1	2	3
15.	Spain	11
16.	Switzerland	11
17.	Taiwan	13
18.	Thailand	374
19	U.K.	101
20.	U.S.A.	677
21.	Others	1169
	Total	3416

[English]

Bonus to Indian Rare Earths Employees

814. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of that the Indian Rare Earths employees Chavara, Kerala demanding higher bonus;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the loss suffered due to strike in IRE;

(d) whether any discussion has been conducted by management with Trade Unions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The employees of the Chavara Unit of Indian Rare Earths Limited (IRE) went on strike w.e.f. 22.8.1996. Around 70% of the employees resumed work on 4.11.1996 and the remaining employees reported for duty on 19.11.1996.

(c) The loss in production during the period of strike is estimated to be about 29000 MT of minerals valued at around Rs. 15.00 crore.

(d) and (e) Meetings were conducted on 9.10.1996 and 1.11.1996 with the unions in the presence of the Honourable Labour Minister and the Honourable Industry Minister of Government of Kerala as a result of which 70% of the employees of two unions resumed work on 4.11.1996.

Electricity Amendment Act

815. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government proposed to bring amendments in the Electricity Act to privatise transmission and distribution of power; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) The existing private power policy allows private sector participation in electricity generation, supply and distribution. The response of the private sector for setting up of generation projects has been encouraging. However, ways and means for promoting greater private participation in the field of transmission and distribution are under examination.

[Translation]

Employment

816. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the schemes of the Central Government for providing employment in urban areas currently under implementation;

(b) the names of such schemes being implemented in Delhi; and

(c) the number of people given employment in Delhi through these schemes during the last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) The Ministry of Urban Affairs and Employment is implementing two Centrally sponsored schemes namely Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) and Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Povery Eradication Programme (PMIUPEP) for providing employment in urban areas. A detailed note on each scheme is given in Statement.

(b) The scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME), a component of NRY, is being implemented in Delhi since October, 1989.

(c) No beneficiary benefitted under the Scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME) in Delhi during the last year i.e. 1995-96.

STATEMENT

Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PMI UPEP)

Recognising the seriousness and complexity of urban poverty problems, especially in the small towns where the situation is more grave due to lack of resources for planning their environment and development, the PMI UPEP has been launched in November, 1995.